

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An elastic tie-down strap with snap-hooks for attaching ~~tire chains~~ a tire chain to tires a tire, comprising:

a. an elongated elastic member having a first end, a second end, and a an integrated formed segment extending between said first end and said second end, said elongated elastic member being substantially straight when relaxed;

b. a first snap hook attached to ~~the~~ said first end of ~~the~~ said elastic member;

c. a second snap hook attached to ~~the~~ said second end of ~~the~~ said elastic member;

and,

d. a third snap hook attached to ~~the~~ said segment of ~~the~~ said elastic member between ~~the~~ said first and second ends; and,

e. whereby, when ~~the~~ said first, second and third snap hooks are attached to three points on an inner circular portion of ~~the~~ a tire chains, the said elastic member bends and stretches to form a two-legged angle to exert tension forces on the three points thereby securing secures the tire chains chain to the tire.

2. (Original) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 1, wherein said elongated elastic member is substantially flat.

3. (Currently Amended) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 1, further including a reinforced area on said first end and said second end, said reinforced areas being wherein

1 ~~said elongated elastic member~~ is substantially cylindrical.

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3 4. (Original) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 1, wherein said elongated elastic  
4 member is constructed of rubber.

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6 5. (Original) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 1, wherein each of said first and  
7 second snap hooks is self-locking.

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9 6. (Original) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 1, wherein each of said first and  
10 second snap hooks is a carabineer.

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12 7. (Withdrawn) An elastic tie-down strap with snap hooks for attaching tire chains to tires,  
13 comprising:

14 a. an elongated elastic member having a first end and a second end;

15 b. a first snap hook attached to the first end of the elastic member; and,

16 c. whereby, when the first and second snap hooks are attached to two opposing

17 points on an inner circular portion of the tire chains, the elastic member secures the tire

18 chains to the tire.

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20 8. (Withdrawn) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 7, wherein said elastic  
21 member is substantially flat.

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23 9. (Withdrawn) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 7, wherein said elastic

1 member is substantially cylindrical.

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3 10. (Withdrawn) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 7, wherein said elastic  
4 member is constructed of rubber.

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6 11. (Withdrawn) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 7, wherein each said first  
7 and second snap hooks is self-locking.

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9 12. (Withdrawn) The elastic tie-down strap according to Claim 7, wherein each of said first  
10 and second snap hooks is a carabineer.

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12 13 (New) A tire chain attachment system including at least two elastic tie down straps  
13 located over the outer circular surface of a tire, each said tie-down strap comprising:

14 a. an elongated elastic member having a reinforced first end, a reinforced second  
15 end, and a segment extending between said first end and said second end;

16 b. a first snap hook attached to said first end of said elastic member;

17 c. a second snap hook attached to said second end of said elastic member;

18 d. a third snap hook attached to said segment of said elastic member between  
19 said first and second ends; and,

20 e. whereby when said first, second and third snap hooks are attached to three  
21 points on an arc in an inner circular portion of a tire chain, said elastic member bends and  
22 stretches to exert three inward directed forces on the tire chain adjacent to the arc to secure  
23 the tire chain to the tire.